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SUBJECT: EC PRESIDENT ORTOLI'S ADDRESS TO BELGIAN-AMERICAN  
GROUP ON EUROPE-US RELATIONS

1. IN SPEECH BEFORE BELGIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (ABA)  
MARCH 21 EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI ADROITLY AND EVEN-  
HANDEDLY TREATED EUROPEA-US RELATIONS WITHOUT GIVING GROSS  
OFFENSE OR FULL SATISFACTION TO ANY QUARTER. AMERICANS  
COULD WELCOME ORTOLI'S COMMENT THAT QTE THE EUROPEAN  
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TAKES FROM THE UNITED STATES UNQUOTE. SPEECH ECHOES SOME OF

THE LINES ORTOLI TOOK IN HIS EARLIER MEETING WITH CODEL FRASER (USEC BRUSSELS 1706) ALTHOUGH IN PUBLIC ORTOLI AVOIDED SUBJECT OF IMPROVING CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. ORTOLI RECAPITULATED CHANGES ON THE WORLD SCENE SINCE 1945 THAT GREATLY AFFECT US-EUROPE RELATIONS. THESE INCLUDE THE EMERGENCE OF JAPAN, CHINA, THE ENLARGED EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MOVING TOWARDS EUROPEAN UNION, US-SOVIET NUCLEAR PARITY, POST-1969 DETENTE, AND THE ENERGY CRISIS. THESE DEVELOPMENTS ADD UP TO A CHALLENGE FOR THE US AND EUROPE EQUALLY, REQUIRING CONCERTED RESPONSES. HE SUGGESTED MORE ATTENTION TO QTE CONSIDERATIONS OF FACTS UNQTE AND LESS TO QTE POSITIONS OF RIGID PRINCIPAL UNQTE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED PARALYZING INTERNAL DIFFERENCES AMONG EUROPEANS AND REMAINED EQUIVOCAL AS TO WHETHER EUROPEANS OR AMERICANS WERE MORE TO BLAME FOR THE AMERICAN FAILURE FULLY TO UNDERSTAND EUROPE'S SITUATION.

3. ORTOLI INVITED THE UNITED STATES TO RECONSIDER WHETHER IT HAS SUFFICIENTLY APPRECIATED SOME OF THE POSITIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. AGAIN EQUIVOCALLY, HE STRESSED BOTH THE COMMONALITY OF US-EUROPEAN INTERESTS AND SUCH DIFFERENCES AS ARE REPRESENTED BY EUROPE'S 90 PERCENT DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL VS THE AMERICAN 10 PERCENT DEPENDENCE.

4. ONE THEME COMMON TO COMMENTS MADE TO EMBASSY OFFICERS BY SEVERAL BELGIANS AND DIPLOMATS PRESENT WAS THAT THE ORTOLI SPEECH WAS CONDEMNED TO UNREALITY BY ORTOLI'S DIPLOMATIC UNWILLINGNESS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIVERGENCY BETWEEN FRANCE AND HER EIGHT PARTNERS. TEXT POUCHED. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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